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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF  
ACYLPHOSPHINES, ACYL OXIDES AND  
ACYL SULFIDES

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LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing requirements, dated July 5, 2001 (a copy of which is enclosed), Applicants submit herewith a declaration signed by four out of the five inventors in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63. This letter is accompanied by a petition under Rule 1.47(a) to accept the application filed on behalf of an inventor that refuses to sign the declaration and power of attorney.

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